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Olympian plunges into spotlight

SWIM Britain's precocious diving talent Tom Daley is looking for an upset today to steal the limelight from American swimming great Michael Phelps and his march towards a record eight gold medals.

Daley's youth (he's 14), cheery grin and diving prowess have made him a media sensation in Beijing and back home in Britain but he faces a tough task to win a medal in the 10-metre synchronized platform competition, with partner Blake Aldridge.

Today will be another big day of swimming at the Beijing Games, with Phelps hoping for a second gold in men's 100-metre freestyle relay. The 23-year-old swimming sensation destroyed his own world record to win his first gold yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Beat heat in the office

'80s reunion Idol worship



It was '80s Night at Scotiabank Place last night as Billy Idol, one of the first MTV stars, joined hard rockers Def Leppard on the bill. The concert was originally scheduled for April but was postponed when Def Leppard singer Joe Elliott fell ill. Idol replaced REO Speedwagon and Styx as the opening act on the new date without missing a beat.

Gas explosion rocks Toronto community

Propane plant fire forces thousands to flee homes

As the flames died down from yesterday's massive series of explosions at a Toronto propane plant, they left behind a cloud of outrage.

Thousands of people, forced to flee their homes, are demanding answers from the city as to why Sunrise Propane Industrial Gases was allowed three years ago to build a distribution plant in a long-established residential area near Wilson Avenue and Keele Street.

A 25-year veteran of the fire department, Bob Leek, died fighting the conflagration. A Sunrise employee was missing and believed also to have died. He reportedly was last seen heading toward the fire.

But the neighbourhood "got off very lucky," said Toronto Fire Division Commander Bob O'Hallarn,

though the pre-dawn blast shattered windows over a wide area and flying debris damaged buildings hundreds of metres away.

"It sounded like an atomic bomb," said Fernando Caschera, 56. "My father wakes up and he goes, 'What are you making so much noise for?'"

"It sounded like an atomic bomb."
Fernando Caschera, area resident

"I said, 'Dad, that wasn't me.' Then the next explosion ... I said, 'Get out! Get out! Get out!'"

As many as 12,000 people within a 1.6-kilometre radius of the plant were forced into the streets, most in their night clothes. But only a handful needed hos-

pital care for minor injuries, O'Hallarn said.

That didn't make them any less angry. Residents described their neighbourhood as a tight-knit community where extended families live on the same street.

Josei Miceli, 59, who has been there for 40 years, said it's full of elderly people. There was no consultation with locals about the propane plant, she said.

"We were concerned when this company moved at the end of the street," said Miceli, who fled her home with her Yorkshire terrier, Harley. "But we weren't even advised that they were going to be there. They just moved in."

The owner of Sunrise was said to be out of the country. The fire continued to burn last night but was declared "under control."

12,000

About the number of people who were forced to evacuate their homes in a 1.6-km area of northwest Toronto.

Several people described being roused from their sleep by a series of rolling explosions, their homes brightly lit by orange fireballs soaring into the sky.

"I thought it was a terrorist attack," said Carlos Montoya. Others feared an earthquake or a jetliner crashing down on them.

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Walking around in a new pair of lungs

TRANSPLANT One year ago, he wished for new lungs and a chance to run with his friends. Yesterday, 11-year-old Thomas Quinet lived that dream.

The recent double-lung transplant recipient took part in the Starlight Children's Foundation Dream Walk.

"Because I'm still here, I'm just happy to be with them and happy to be running, walking again," said Quinet.

It has been a long, painful fight, made easier in October after a double lung transplant. The new lungs will give the Cystic Fibrosis patient another seven to 10 years of better health.

"Like all families in this situation, we worry each day," said his father, Marc Quinet. "We get up, there's a whole host of medications to take, routines to follow. It's complete commitment, you know? Yet you have to give room for him to be a kid."

Fresh off a medal-winning week at the Canadian Transplant Games in Windsor, Thomas walked yesterday for the Starlight Children's Foundation. He wanted to do the walk to help kids just like him.

"Everyday that I work with them I learn so much more and I'm even more humbled each year from it as well," said Brita Gerwin of the Starlight Children's Foundation.

"They are the source of my inspiration on a daily basis and I find my strength from them."

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Fundraising

- All of the Starlight Children's Foundation fundraising is done through the community and corporate grants. The money goes directly into the children's programs.

- One such program sent Quinet to a Senators Stanley Cup playoff game in California with his family.

The numbers are in: more than 40,000 people attended the Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival over 16 days, the executive director of the Ottawa Chamber Music Society announced yesterday. The 130-event festival broke records for advance pass sales in its 15th year, said Glenn Hodgins. **METRO OTTAWA**

Ottawa



Parking meters move to the 'burbs

Parking meters have moved into Ottawa's suburbs, with the first meters now standing in Nepean's Centrepointhood. Ottawa's new parking strategy will see parking meters placed outside the core and, according to councillor Rick Chiarelli, allowing meters in Centrepointhood was a compromise to stop the possibility of paid parking at Ben Franklin Place. Chiarelli said Ottawa residents will soon start seeing more parking meters on streets throughout the suburbs. **CTVOTTAWA.CA**

Basking in an Olympic glow

Local Chinese community hopeful that host country will benefit from the Games

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Whether Canadian-born or newly arrived, Ottawa's Chinese community members are basking in the reflected glow of the Beijing Olympics.

The summer Olympics, which kicked off in Beijing on Friday, have provided a weekend of pride for a local Chinese community that is looking for China to emerge from the isolation.

"Hopefully, this puts China in a good light because it's a great, beautiful country."

Grace Ko-Foster

tion that has long marked the growing superpower's relationship with the globe.

"There's so much culture there. And this can show the world what China can do," Kate Thai, a shop owner on Somerset Street in the Chinatown

area of Ottawa, said yesterday.

The lead up to the Games have been marked by protests over China's human rights record. But the Olympic spirit is a way to engage the Chinese and showcase the country's ancient culture and its gifts

to the world, say supporters.

"China always gets so much bad press," said Grace Ko-Foster. "Hopefully, this puts China in a good light because it's a great, beautiful country."

Beijing is a beautiful place to hold the Olympics, said Yiping Wang, an employee at Chinatown's Ju Xiang Yuan Restaurant.

"A lot of people are happy the Olympics are being held there," said Wang,

who is cheering for athletes from her native country and Canada.

"It's a big deal that they're hosting it," she said.

Customers have been arriving to watch the Games on a screen that's been set up for the occasion, she said.

Because the Chinese pay close attention to detail, China will put on a good event, predicted Ottawa's Karen Qiu, who is originally from Qing Tau in north-

ern China.

"We're very proud," she said of the Games. "Everyone is really excited. We talk about it every day."

When watching her favourite Olympic events, which include basketball, swimming and weightlifting, she finds herself cheering for the Chinese.

Canadian-born Toronto resident Carolyn Tan said she roots for Canada, but said that hosting the Olympics will be good for China.

News in brief

GUNS The Guns and Gangs Direct Action Response Team of the Ottawa police seized a 40-caliber semi-automatic pistol in a Russell Road community housing development on the weekend, leading to the arrest of a man they said is a member of the Crips street gang. Abdi Hakim Omar, 23, of Ottawa, faces multiple firearm-related charges.

THEFT Armed with knives, two suspects entered a Fallowfield Road Kentucky Fried Chicken and fled with cash. Ottawa police said the suspects are described as black males, between 15 and 17 years old, approximately five-foot-10 tall with slim builds. They were wearing black shirts, black jeans and toques at the time. There were no injuries. **METRO OTTAWA**

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What's online today.

View a photo gallery and clips of the massive explosion and fire in Toronto
Watch video reports on memorials for a Canadian soldier killed in Afghanistan and the victim of the Greyhound bus killing

Lotteries

Friday, Aug. 8
Lotto Super 7 8, 10, 15, 24, 37, 41 & 43. Bonus 7.
Saturday, Aug. 9
Lotto 6/49 1, 34, 37, 39, 40 & 42. Bonus 11.
Sunday, Aug. 10
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Ontario Pick 4 2812
Encore 7757355
Daily Keno 10, 12, 22, 23, 28, 29, 33, 34, 37, 39, 40, 45, 48, 49, 54, 60, 61, 62, 63, 67.
These results are not official.



Only Olympics make jumpers miss it

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EQUESTRIAN It's not the Olympics. But if Ian Millar didn't have to be over there, he'd have been here.

After bypassing the region last year, international show jumping leaped back into Ottawa yesterday at the first of two major tournaments wrapping up at the Nepean Equestrian Park.

"This is one of the only grass fields in Canada, other than Spruce Meadows, which is realistic show jumping," said Sandy Patterson, who is the coach and trainer for 15 riders and horses at the competition. "This is what show jumping is all about, in a big field like this."

Despite many top riders being at the Olympics, a number of former Olympic and national team members were riding here over the weekend. Perth-based Olympian Ian Millar is the



Beth Underhill, riding Top Gun, clears a jump yesterday during the first round of the Brookstreet Grand Prix, part of the National Capital Open Show Jumping Tournament at Nepean Equestrian Park.

honorary chair of the tournament, but flew to Beijing shortly after the event's opening to compete at the Olympic games.

"Everyone says this is where show jumping is at,

in this area," said Jenna Thompson from Calgary, who rode in the grand prix on her horse Zeke. "Everyone comes out here. All those guys that are over at the Olympics, I know

they'd be here."

Patterson said there are few venues that have the same quality of footing as the Nepean Equestrian Park and said it's nice being able to bring local jumpers

to compete with top athletes on such a great field.

The event attracted riders from across Canada and the northern United States. Many riders will stay to also compete in the Kubota National Show Jumping Tournament, starting Wednesday.

"People love to come and jump on this, their horses really love this ground. That really is a draw," said show manager Ainsley Hayes. "The people of Ottawa are so supportive. They were really disappointed when it was cancelled last year."

Thompson, 30, would like to be competing in the 2012 Olympics, but said there's a reason the average age for athletes on the equestrian team is in the forties.

"It's just experience. You can't mimic being in the ring, you've got to get in there over and over again," she said. "You have to have a great horse and it's hard to find that perfect match."

Activists hit Circus with animal rights complaints

FUNDRAISER Thousands attended Shrine Circus shows on the weekend, helping to raise almost \$100,000 for children's hospitals, but animal activists say every ticket to the circus supports animal cruelty.

"Animals have the capacity to suffer, so why should they have to suffer for us? They feel pain. They're not meant to be in

Cash for children's hospitals

• Circus profits go to Shriner activities including 22 children's hospitals. The shows

a circus, they're not meant to be under a tent," said animal rights activist Michelle Thorn of the shows, some of which feature animals such as dogs, Arabian horses and ele-

phants. The company hired to provide the entertainment insists the animals are well taken care of.

"Better medical care, proper diet, regular exercise, proper mental stimulation. They live twice as long in captivity as they do in the wild. It's definitely better for them," said Larry Solheim of TZ Productions.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 people attend every show including many children. "I am surprised that people think it's okay and that they don't realize what's happening to these

animals," said Thorn.

The Ottawa Humane Society says the animals have adequate food, water and shelter. Yet it released a statement calling for an end to exotic animal entertainment in Ottawa.

The protestors say that's all it can do since Canada's anti-cruelty laws don't do enough to protect performing animals. **CTVOTTAWA.CA**

Nagasaki victims remembered

The Ottawa Peace Assembly on the weekend remembered the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb attack on Nagasaki, Japan that killed 70,000 people. Members of the Ottawa Peace Assembly remembered the victims by creating peace lanterns in their names. The lights were decorated and floated in an inlet along the Rideau Canal. **CTVOTTAWA.CA**

Air, commuters hazy over shelter smoking

My bus shelter karma has finally caught up with me.

Eons ago, in a different town, in a different time, and long before the introduction of smoking bylaws, I was a smoker. I smoked in restaurants, at work, in cars, and above all, while waiting for the bus. Usually in an enclosed shelter where the other commuters were forced to inhale the exhaust of my addiction whether they liked it or not.

Good times.

OnTrack

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These thoughts come to me as I wait at the cramped Rideau Centre stop, inhaling the stream of smoke from a fellow commuter's cigarette. Because a funny thing happened on my way

to becoming a non-smoker 22 years ago: I developed an allergic reaction to cigarette smoke that is worse than if I had never smoked at all! Isn't karma great?

Doesn't smoking man realize there's a bylaw? If I ask him to put his cigarette out, will he respond with profuse apologies, tidily dropping the butt in the receptacle provided? We all know how confusing those signs picturing a cigarette with a big red slash going through it can be.

Many observers of public transit knew that the no-smoking bylaw announced in November 2007 would be difficult to enforce and it appears the cynics were right. Complaints of smoking at OC Transpo stops, shelters and stations are legion. Under the law, smoking is only permitted nine metres (about 30 feet) away from any transit services property line and nine metres from any bus stop on a city street.

Yet, despite a hefty fine of

\$150 to \$5,000, the message isn't getting through to some people.

The city is out of the "education" phase of the bylaw process and strict enforcement is presumably a fact of life for smokers in 2008. Transit cops are authorized to fine individuals caught breaking the bylaw, but they can't be everywhere at once. Eight months in and smoking man can happily puff away with impunity.

Habits are hard to break and many smokers find it

hard to understand that the open air isn't so open when five or six people are puffing away. I used to be one of them. Education, enforcement and more education are effective, but they take time to see results.

In the meantime, I'll hold my breath and hope that the old smoker's adage holds true: The moment you light up, the bus comes.

Nadine Doolittle is an award-winning writer and a public transit user for the past 35 years.

Congress Centre's last blast benefits drug treatment

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Before the roof comes down on the old Ottawa Congress Centre, it will host one final party to help raise the roof for a pair of residential youth drug treatment centres.

"Raising the Roof" will be the first large public fund raiser for the campaign announced in June to raise \$6 million to build separate French and Eng-

"It's meant to be a chance to come and say goodbye and have good times."

Congress Centre chairman Jim Durrell

lish drug treatment facilities in Ottawa.

"We thought we'd kill two birds with one stone. We'd say farewell to the lady and at the same time raise some money for a worthwhile cause in our city," said Congress Centre chairman Jim Durrell.

"It's meant to be a

chance to come and say goodbye and have good times. (The Congress Centre) has entertained a lot of people over the last 25 years."

The September 4 event will take place just hours after the Congress Centre officially shuts down for two and a half years to un-

dergo a \$159 million redevelopment.

Event co-ordinator Jeff Turner, with the United Way, said the timing presents challenges, as there will be no kitchen facilities or Congress Centre staff for the event. Instead, sponsor restaurants will provide food and volunteers will work the floor.

"We're hoping that sponsors cover the hard costs, so the more people we get out the more money we raise."

With 2,000 tickets available at \$50 each, Turner said raising \$100,000 is a reasonable goal.

The campaign officially launched in June when Premier Dalton McGuinty announced the province would cover the operating costs of both centres. The United Way is coordinating the fund raising campaign.

Project manager Caroline Kayll said negotiations are already underway to secure the building sites for the new treatment centres.

Letters

Caregivers need strollers on transit

Re: City commute computes, Aug. 5 Metro

I cannot believe OC Transpo is considering prohibiting large strollers on buses. What about parents or other caregivers who are accompanying two (or more) children and have no means of transportation other than public transit?

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A Capital Weekend

On the move

Bed racers, dance students and a lighthouse keeper were just some of the folks around the capital who couldn't keep still this weekend

Left, lighthouse keeper David Dufour jumps in celebration of the 100th anniversary on the weekend of the Cape North Lighthouse, originally erected in 1908 at Cape North, Nova Scotia. Ottawa's Canada Science and Technology Museum acquired it in 1980.

A Capital Weekend

Etienne Ranger Photos/for Metro Ottawa

Below, Jasmine Inns and Simon Renaud perform during one of 40 free shows by dancers and musicians offered in downtown Ottawa on the weekend by the Ottawa School of Dance.



Local community associations participated in this year's Navan Fair charity Bed Race to help raise funds for area charity groups. Thousands crowded the street during the fair's big draw event.



The weekend's MS Bike tour had area cyclists travelling from the Carleton University campus to Kemptville and back.

Above, Sophie Latreille of the Ottawa/Gatineau-based Fire Weavers mini-circus group, showcases her fire-dancing skills during the closing performances at the Lumiere Festival in New Edinburg Park on Saturday.

Khadr's lawyers sue Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Lawyers for Omar Khadr, the Canadian man imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay have filed a lawsuit against Prime Minister Stephen Harper in a bid to force him to intercede with Washington on the inmate's behalf. Harper has so far refused to ask the United States to repatriate Khadr. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Canada

"Road mortality is a significant factor of influencing snake populations."

Adam Martinson, a University of Calgary student working on a Masters degree, speaking about his study of snake deaths.



Snakes

Martinson is at Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta, trying to discover why snakes, in increasing frequency, are being compelled to slither on to the province's roadways. **REUTERS**

Questions linger after explosion

Location of propane facility near residential neighbourhood cause for concern

The houses were just across the street, and had been for quite some time.

Industry experts say propane facilities like the one that erupted in flames yesterday are commonly located on the edge of cities, and then the cities grow in around them. But residents forced to flee their homes in Toronto after yesterday's blast say Sunshine Propane moved in only three years ago — and the houses were already there.

Michael Birk, professor and head of the department of mechanical and materials at Queen's University, said that there have long been discussions about changing the regulations that allow propane facilities to locate near residential areas, but that little has changed over the years. He said propane fa-



A fire started in a propane storage area in the Wilson and Keele area of Toronto on Sunday morning. Area residents were awoken by a blast that shook houses and broke windows blocks away.

ilities are often located near condos and apartment buildings — which is

really no surprise, because people want easy access to energy. But they don't

want it next door.

"There are people all over the world who don't

want these facilities next to their houses," Birk said. "You can guess why."

The issue of proximity aside, Birk said propane technology is well designed and very safe, and that industry standards are frequently updated. He said these kinds of explosions are bound to happen occasionally, but fortunately that they often happen on rail lines in the middle of nowhere.

In a statement, the Propane Gas Association of Canada said the industry "has an excellent safety record and incidents like this are extremely rare."

Sunshine Propane, which sells everything from bulk propane to home heating tanks, did not provide comment last night.

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Vancouver Games chief 'mesmerized'

OLYMPICS The Beijing Games opening ceremony set a very high standard and Vancouver, hosting the 2010 Winter Olympics, has its work cut out to follow it, its Games chief said.

Speaking a day after the Games opened in Beijing with a four-hour extravaganza that won rave reviews around the world, Vancouver chief John Furlong said his ceremonies' team had already started thinking of ways to rise to the challenge.

"I was mesmerized. I could have stayed in the stadium all night,"

Furlong said. "It was remarkable. I think we saw a new horizon," said Furlong who will not have the \$100 million to spend, which the Chinese dished out, on his Games. **REUTERS**

Backlash continues over Komagata Maru apology

VANCOUVER It is the apology that is sparking a flurry of resentment.

When Prime Minister Stephen Harper apologized in front of thousands of Indo-Canadians at a park in Surrey last week over the Komagata Maru incident of 1914, he likely did not expect the rush of criticism that followed.

But almost as soon as Harper left the stage, leaders in the community rushed up to denounce the apology. For them, the apology was worth little because it wasn't made in the House of Commons.

Over the past week, callers have been flooding the phone lines of the influential Punjabi language radio stations.

"Ninety-nine per cent of people phoning say they want the PM to apologize



Stephen Harper

in the House of Commons," says radio host Harjinder Thind of Red-FM 93.1

Thind says he anticipates the Indo-Canadian community will make an official apology an election issue. The Conservatives had been making efforts to woo the Indo-Canadian vote in Vancouver.

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Church group backs down from funeral protest

JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Canada



hundreds flock to funeral

Over 600 people, meanwhile, reportedly showed out to pay respects to McLean Saturday where his uncle described the travelling carnival worker as a friendly, kind and caring person. Vincent Weiguang Li has been charged with McLean's murder.

based Westboro Baptist Church, says six youths and an adult did make it through the border to picket outside of Tim McLean's funeral in Winnipeg, but the church changed its mind at the last minute be-

cause "laws in Canada do not protect their right to protest."

The Westboro members made it through the border, despite an alert that was reportedly issued by Public Safety Minister

Stockwell Day to Canadian border guards to keep the group out of Canada and attending the funeral.

The group has angered Canadians from coast-to-coast by planning to stage a protest at McLean's funeral who claims the 22-year-old man, beheaded on a Greyhound bus, "deserved his fate" since he lived an "immoral and godless life like other Canadians."

News in brief

PRISONER ESCAPE A B.C. prison guard who helped a high-profile convict escape was sentenced to three years and three months in jail Friday afternoon. Edwin Tice, 35, pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and accepting a bribe in connection with Omid Tahvili's escape last November.

CANADIAN DETAINED Five Tibet activists including 24-year-old Montrealer Chris Schwartz have been detained after they used fake blood to stage a dramatic protest in Tiananmen Square today as a circle of more than 200 people looked on.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Toronto Tasty dancing



Performers from the Joy of Dance Studio dance the day away at Toronto's Taste of the Danforth festival yesterday. The festival, one of the largest of its kind in North America, is a celebration of Greek food and culture.

Military probing soldier's death

AFGHANISTAN The death of Canadian soldier Master Cpl. Josh Roberts is being investigated to determine if he was killed accidentally by a passing convoy of private security guards who likely believed they were engaging insurgents.

The Canadian Forces National Investigation Service, a sector of the military police which looks at incidents involving Canadian military personnel, is looking into the incident, but the military offered no new details.

It was not immediately clear which private security company was involved in the shooting.

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Former U.S. Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards admitted Friday that he had an extramarital affair in 2006 with a woman who produced videos for his campaign, but said he was not the father of her infant daughter. Edwards' wife Elizabeth said she supports him as the family works through the healing process. **REUTERS**

World/Business

Georgia pulls troops back, offers ceasefire

Russian troops take control of South Ossetia capital

Georgia offered Russia a ceasefire and peace talks yesterday after pulling troops back from rebel South Ossetia's capital, and mediators began a mission to end the internationally condemned fighting.

Some fighting still gripped parts of the Caucasus region, however, and Russia demanded an unconditional Georgian withdrawal.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner arrived in Tbilisi at the head of an international team of mediators, the first top level diplomatic mission to fly to the region in an attempt to stem the bloodshed. It was due to move on to Moscow today.

After meeting Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili, Kouchner said a "controlled withdrawal of the troops" was his main priority.



A Georgian woman holding her baby cries at her damaged home in Gori yesterday. Russia has started an operation to storm the Georgian-controlled Kodori gorge in Georgia's breakaway region of Abkhazia, the Georgian Interior Ministry said yesterday.

The United States maintained its strong criticism of Russia, condemning its "disproportionate and dangerous" military action.

Russian troops and tanks took control of Tskhinvali, the region's devastated capital, early yesterday after a three-day battle. Moscow

said 2,000 civilians were killed and thousands made homeless in a "humanitarian catastrophe."

REUTERS

Karzai urges action in Pakistan

TALIBAN Afghan President Hamid Karzai yesterday urged the world to target the Taliban in Pakistan, adding that operations by foreign troops in his country had only led to civilian deaths among Afghans and not success in the war.

Afghanistan and Pakistan are both U.S. allies, but ties between the two have for decades been dogged by a border dispute. Recently, Kabul openly accused Pakistan of involvement in violence in Afghanistan, where the Taliban and al-Qaida militants routinely attack foreign and Afghan forces.

REUTERS

Bombers hit West China again

SEPARATISTS Suspected Muslim separatists and suicide bombers launched a dozen attacks in west China yesterday, killing 11 people in the blasts and a subsequent shootout with police in renewed violence two days into the Olympics.

It was the second attack in restive Xinjiang in a

week after 16 police were killed at a border post on Monday.

China says militants seeking an independent "East Turkestan" homeland for Muslim Uighurs in the Xinjiang region are among the top threats to the Beijing Olympics, which began on Friday.

REUTERS

Homemade grenade attacks shook Kuqa, a town in the south of Xinjiang more than 3,000 km from Beijing, as 15 men attacked supermarkets, hotels and government offices in the early hours of yesterday, the official Xinhua news agency said.

REUTERS

News in brief

Vietnam About 80 people have been killed and dozens remain missing in north Vietnam as heavy rains brought by tropical storm Kammuri triggered landslides and floods. The country's weather officials warned of more flash floods and landslides yesterday

in what has been described as the biggest natural disaster to hit Vietnam this year.

BOLIVIA Bolivian President Evo Morales easily won a recall vote yesterday and vowed to push on with socialist reforms that his rightist opponents in

South America's poorest country are trying to block. The recall pitted Morales against governors who have pushed for autonomy for their resource-rich provinces and are furious that he has cut their share of windfall natural gas revenues.

REUTERS

Business

July job report labelled 'gruesome' by analysts

ECONOMY Canada's slowing economy took a surprise hit in July with the worst job losses since the 1991 recession, sending the loonie to its lowest level in nearly a year while the U.S. dollar strengthened and oil and gold tumbled yet again — and economists say things will only get worse before they get better.

Statistics Canada said an unexpected 55,200 jobs were lost in Canada last month, providing more evidence of a continued economic slowdown and prompting economists to label the figures everything from "grisly" to "gruesome."

Most of the losses,

Ontario

• The province's employment over the last year is up 1.2 per cent, slightly below the national average, although large losses in manufacturing have been more than offset by gains in public administration, health care, social assistance, construction and educational services, StatsCan says.

48,000, were in part-time work and were centred in manufacturing, business, building and other support services and educational services, the government agency reported Friday.

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Business in brief

HYBRIDS Soaring gasoline prices have sparked a huge increase in hybrid auto sales in Canada during the first half of this year and are causing some shortages, according to automakers. Hybrid auto sales jumped by more than 66 per cent to almost 12,000 in the first six months from the same period in 2007, figures from manufacturers show.

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TWO WHEELS In the face of unprecedented gas prices and a desire to be more "green", Canadians are increasingly trading in four wheels for two, swapping their cars for motorcycles, scooters or bicycles. "I think people are prepared to do anything at the moment to avoid paying gas bills," Bruce Cran, president of the Consumer Association of Canada, said on Friday.

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Going Green

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Serious about North Pledge to protect boreal forest offers hope

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



Are Canadian politicians finally paying serious attention to the environment? Recent events and announcements give us reason for optimism.

The Ontario government's recent commitment to protect 50 per cent of its intact boreal forest offers further hope that governments are getting serious about protecting the planet.

On July 14, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty committed to preserve 225,000 square kilometres

of northern boreal forest under the province's Far North Planning Initiative. That's an area one and a half times the size of the Canadian Maritimes!

It's a significant commitment, and it's something more than 1,500 of the world's scientists had asked for, including us.

The boreal forest stretches across the northern part of Canada, touching almost every province and territory and covering 35 per cent of the country's total land mass.

It represents about one third of the world's circumpolar boreal system and one quarter of all intact forests remaining on the planet.

The region supports three

"The Ontario government's recent commitment to protect 50 per cent of its intact boreal forest offers hope that governments are getting serious about protecting the planet."

billion migratory songbirds and more than 200 species of animals, including dozens of threatened or endangered species such as woodland caribou, grizzly and polar bears, wolverine, lynx, and white pelican.

The announcement is significant not just in terms of conservation but also because it marks the first time a government in Canada has explicitly recognized the role nature conservation must play in combating global warming.

The boreal's forests and peatlands absorb and store massive amounts of carbon, making them a hedge against global warming caused by

emissions from human activity.

Scientists estimate that Ontario's northern boreal alone absorbs 12.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions a year.

With this announcement, Ontario has taken an important and courageous step, one that we hope other provinces will follow.

For example, Quebec has protected less than five per cent of its own boreal forest, and although it has plans to increase this, it has yet to make a commitment as visionary as Ontario's.

The recent attention governments have been paying to the environment are positive signs.

But successful conservation efforts can't be limited to aspirational goals announced at news conferences. We all have a responsibility to make sure governments live up to their commitments.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.davidsuzuki.org.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.



Water, water everywhere

Canada's water use averages out to 1,600 cubic metres of water per capita each year. This is double the amount used in France per person, nearly four times the water use of the average Swede and more than eight times that of the average Dane, according to Greenology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Less is more mantra for laundry products

"Anxiety attack, aisle 2." That would be laundry products.

Grocery store shelves are jammed with boxes and bottles of detergents and bleaches whose labels announce new formulas: Ultra, 2X Ultra, 3X Concentrate, Coldwater HE Concentrate.

Unlike ever-expanding clothes sizes — more Xs, more waistband — laundry products are shrinking. New condensed formulas, say manufacturers, are more eco-friendly, requiring less packaging, less plastic, less water, less gas to ship.

Fine. Small is beautiful — but bewildering for the busy shopper now responsible for Mother Earth and the family budget, never mind clean clothes.

Dr. Laundry feels consumer pain. "Everything right now is in a state of flux," says Harold Baker, a.k.a. Dr. Laundry, technical spokesperson for Clorox, makers of Javex.

"We're changing over to high-efficiency washing machines, concentrated laundry products, and even clothes with different finishes. There's so much going on."

It's a leap of faith for the consumer to use less and get the same good results, he says. "It's counterintuitive. We're used to buying bigger."



Concentrated laundry products are offering consumers a greener choice for cleaning clothes.

That was the problem 10 years ago when Procter & Gamble, makers of Tide and other brands, first tried compacted formulas.

Since then, consumers' environmental concern has evolved. As of May, all of P&G's liquid laundry detergents are now condensed. And this time, all major manufacturers are on the shrink-the-plastic and save-the-planet bandwagon.

But just how eco-friendly are these less-is-more products? Not very if consumers pour in too much.

"For the environmental benefit, it's absolutely imperative that the consumer use it properly," says Joanne St. Godard, executive director, Recycling Council of Ontario.

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Air quality index hits Net

POLLUTION Each year, an estimated 6,000 Canadians die prematurely as a result of air pollution. Even more are hospitalized for respiratory or cardiovascular illnesses, or suffer minor effects, such as coughing or eye irritation.

In order to minimize their exposure to noxious pollutants, and take steps to reduce emissions from their own activities, Canadians need to know when the quality of the air they breathe poses a risk to their health.

The new Air Quality Health Index, found at www.airhealth.ca, is the first index of its kind to take into account how the level of exposure to multiple pollutants can affect your health.

Hourly readings of current conditions and maximum forecasted values for today, tonight, and tomorrow are represented using a colour-coded numerical scale: 1 to 3 is low, 4 to 6 is moderate, 7 to 10 is high, and 10+ is very high.

The index also provides

advice to the general population and those who are sensitive to air pollution—such as children, the elderly, and people with existing cardio-respiratory problems—about how to adjust their outdoor activities when pollutant levels are high.

The program will be available in more than a dozen communities across British Columbia as well as communities in the Greater Toronto area. It is also slated for expansion to other major cities in Canada in the near future. **NEWS CANADA**

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Cleveland Browns wide receiver Braylon Edwards spent Saturday night in the hospital after receiving stitches in his right foot. Browns head coach Romeo Crennel said Edwards was expected to be released yesterday, and had no timetable for the player's return. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Rapidz topple Rox in a walkoff

BASEBALL Jake Daubert saved the day for the Ottawa Rapidz hitting a walk off single in the bottom of the ninth to give the Rapidz a 6-5 win over the Brockton Rox.

Angelo Burrows (2-1) pitched three innings in relief for Fraser Robinson to earn the win. Robinson had a quality start for the Rapidz, pitching six innings, allowing three earned runs, on eight hits, no walks and three strikeouts. He has not allowed a walk in his last four starts, pitching 30% innings since his last batter walked.

Rays' Crawford put on 15-day DL

MLB The Tampa Bay Rays placed outfielder Carl Crawford on the 15-day disabled list yesterday with a subluxation of his right middle finger tendon. Crawford is batting .273 with eight homers, 57 RBI and 10 triples this season.

In addition, the Rays activated outfielder Rocco Baldelli from the 60-day DL.

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Paddy makes it a double

Harrington claims PGA Championship after winning British Open last month

Irishman Padraig Harrington putted superbly over the closing stretch to seal his second consecutive major title with a two-shot victory at the PGA Championship yesterday.

One month after successfully defending his British Open crown at Royal Birkdale, Harrington held off the challenge of playing partner Sergio Garcia and American Ben Curtis with a four-under-par 66 at Oakland Hills Country Club.

The Irishman edged ahead by sinking a 10-foot birdie putt at the par-three 17th before ramming in a 15-footer to save par at the last for a three-under total of 277.

"I knew that I had the opportunity to get the putt in

first," Harrington told reporters of his birdie on the 17th green where Spaniard Garcia struck his tee shot to four feet.

"That was important. I knew if I holed it, I probably would win the PGA. If I missed, Sergio would probably win the PGA. So it was down to that and I hit a lovely putt. I read it exactly how I wanted it and it did exactly what I expected."

Harrington became the first European to win the tournament in 78 years, since Scottish-born Tommy Armour won in 1930.

He also became the fourth player after Walter Hagen, Nick Price and Tiger Woods to win the British Open and PGA Championship back-to-back.

REUTERS



Padraig Harrington of Ireland kisses the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the 90th PGA Championship at the Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township, Mich., yesterday.

Lee helps Tribe sweep away Jays

INDIANS 4 BLUE JAYS 0

MLB Cliff Lee pitched eight shutout innings and Shin-Soo Choo had three doubles and a run scored as the Cleveland Indians defeated the Toronto Blue Jays, 4-0, completing a three-game sweep at Rogers Centre yesterday.

Grady Sizemore finished with two hits, an RBI, and a run scored, while David DeLucchi added a run-scoring double for the Indians, who have won four of their last six games.

Lee (16-2) allowed eight hits and struck out one



Cleveland's Cliff Lee shut down Toronto's offence yesterday.

without issuing a walk. The veteran left-hander became

the first 16-game winner in the America League, and has pitched 17 straight scoreless innings against the Blue Jays.

"I was able to throw strikes, working ahead in the count and trying to stay away from 2-0 and 3-1 counts," Lee said. "For the most part I was able to do that. They put the ball in play and we made some good defensive plays."

Scott Richmond (0-2) suffered the loss after working five innings. The rookie gave up three runs on nine hits, while striking out five.

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Sports in brief

NFL Two days after losing backup quarterback Charlie Batch to a broken right collarbone in the team's first preseason game, the Pittsburgh Steelers signed quarterback Byron Leftwich to a contract yesterday.

NFL Pro Bowl guard Shawn Andrews arrived at Eagles training camp yesterday, ending his depression-related absence. Andrews, a 6-foot-4, 335-pounder entering his fifth season in the league, told several

media outlets last week that his absence from camp was because of the lingering effects of clinical depression.

MLB The Chicago White Sox acquired pitcher Horacio Ramirez from the Kansas City Royals in exchange for minor-league outfielder Paulo Orlando late Saturday night. The trade came after pitcher Jose Contreras ruptured his left Achilles' tendon, forcing the right-hander to the disabled list.

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SCOREBOARD

MLB					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
AMERICAN LEAGUE					Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets, 1:10				
EAST DIVISION					Washington at Milwaukee, 2:05				
W	L	PCT	GB		St. Louis at Florida, 7:10				
Tampa Bay	71	46	.607	—	San Francisco at Houston, 8:05				
Boston	67	51	.568	4½	Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10				
N.Y. Yankees	63	55	.534	8½					
Toronto	59	59	.500	12½					
Baltimore	56	60	.483	14½					
CENTRAL DIVISION									
W	L	PCT	GB						
Chicago Sox	65	51	.560	—					
Minnesota	65	52	.556	½					
Detroit	58	59	.496	7½					
Kansas City	54	64	.458	12					
Cleveland	52	64	.448	13					
WEST DIVISION									
W	L	PCT	GB						
L.A. Angels	74	43	.632	—					
Texas	61	58	.513	14					
Oakland	54	63	.468	20					
Seattle	45	73	.381	29½					
NATIONAL LEAGUE									
EAST DIVISION									
W	L	PCT	GB						
Philadelphia	64	53	.547	—					
N.Y. Mets	62	55	.530	2					
Florida	62	56	.525	2½					
Atlanta	55	63	.466	9½					
Washington	44	74	.373	20½					
CENTRAL DIVISION									
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Milwaukee	67	51	.568	4					

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— Whitney Pelchat (mother)



Badminton

Vancouver's Anna Rice beat Jeannine Cicognini of Switzerland yesterday to reach the round of 16. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Beijing Games

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Records fall in the water

Japan's Kitajima, Zimbabwe's Coventry create new world standards

Japan's Kosuke Kitajima and Zimbabwe's Kirsty Coventry set new swimming world records early this morning during another electrifying session in the Water Cube at the Beijing Games.

Kitajima, the most decorated Asian swimmer of all time, broke the world best by 0.22 seconds to take gold in the men's 100-metre breaststroke in front of another capacity crowd at Beijing's shimmering and futuristic swimming venue.

Swimming fans were also on their feet when Coventry shaved 0.20 seconds off the world record for women's 100-metre backstroke during her semifinal.

Affectionally called "a golden girl" by President Robert Mugabe despite his normally tough view of minority whites, Coventry had vowed to try and show her nation in a positive light despite its well-known economic and political woes.

Australia's Libby Trickett was told by coaches build up her backside before Beijing due to a weakness in gluteal muscles. But it paid off when she won gold in



Kosuke Kitajima of Japan celebrates winning the gold medal in the men's 100-metre breaststroke final early this morning with a world record time at the National Aquatics Center at the Beijing Games.

the women's 100-metre butterfly.

Today's early action in the pool wasn't very good for Canada's swimmers.

Brian Johns of Salmon Arm, B.C., finished seventh

in the men's 400-metre medley final, while Colin Russell of Oshawa, Ont., and Ryan Cochrane of Victoria failed to reach the final.

Annamay Pierse of Ed-

monton failed to qualify for the finals in the women's 100-metre breaststroke, as did Jillian Tyler of Calgary and Julia Wilkinson of Stratford, Ont.

Brent Hayden of Mission, B.C., withdrew from the 200-metre freestyle semifinals to save his strength for the men's 4x100-metre freestyle relay.

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Medal count

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
#1	China	6	2	0	8
#2	U.S.	2	2	4	8
#3	S.Korea	3	2	0	5
#4	Italy	1	2	1	4
#5	Russia	0	3	1	4
#6	Japan	1	0	2	3
#7	France	0	2	1	3
#8	N.Korea	0	1	2	3
#9	Czech Rep.	2	0	0	2
#10	Australia	1	0	1	2
#11	Holland	1	0	1	2
#12	Spain	1	0	1	2
#13	Cuba	0	1	1	2
#14	Britain	1	0	0	1
#15	Romania	1	0	0	1
#16	Thailand	1	0	0	1
#17	Austria	0	1	0	1
#18	Hungary	0	1	0	1
#19	Sweden	0	1	0	1
#20	Turkey	0	1	0	1
#21	Vietnam	0	1	0	1
#22	Zimbabwe	1	0	0	1
#33	Canada	0	0	0	0

(Count at the end of Day 2)

Ivanovic forced to pull out of Games

TENNIS Top seed Ana Ivanovic of Serbia withdrew from the Olympic tennis event yesterday with an injury to her right thumb.

The French Open champion was due to take on Mariya Koryttseva of Ukraine in the first round but said yesterday she would go home "in a day or two" to try to recover in time for the U.S. Open, which begins on Aug. 25.

Greece's Thanou banned by IOC

ATHLETICS Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou has been barred from competing in the Beijing Games because of her involvement in a doping scandal four years ago, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said yesterday.

Returning from a ban, Thanou qualified for Beijing but needed IOC approval to compete.

Canadian into all-around final

GYMNASTICS Canada's Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs qualified yesterday for the women's individual all-around final on Friday at the Beijing Games, CBC Sports Online reports.

The Toronto athlete finished 19th in the overall standings at the completion of yesterday's qualifications. The top 24 advanced to the final.

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Bush gets treated to U.S. razzle-dazzle

BASKETBALL The millionaire stars of the U.S. basketball team swept past hosts China in the showcase match-up of the Olympics, watched by tens of millions on Chinese television and cheered on by U.S. President George W. Bush.

Talismanic giant Yao Ming, flag carrier for China at the opening ceremony, could not protect his colleagues from the speed and power of the NBA professionals.

Ming, who plays with the Houston Rockets, scored 13 points in the 101-70 loss to the U.S. in what was billed as the most watched basketball game in history.

Bush and his father, former President George H.

W. Bush, huddled with the U.S. team ahead of the game to wish them luck.

"What's up, pops?" NBA scoring champion LeBron James quipped to Bush's ageing father.

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, the NBA's MVP, won a huge cheer from the star-dazzled home supporters but the loudest shout from the raucous 16,000 crowd was for Ming, China's favourite athlete along with 110m hurdler Liu Xiang.

The U.S. team is still smarting from winning only bronze at Athens in 2004 and has nicknamed itself the "Redeem Team". They have joked they will be unable to return home without the gold. **REUTERS**



Wang Zhizhi of China looks for an opening around Carmelo Anthony of the U.S. during their preliminary-round game yesterday at the Beijing Games.

The U.S. Liaison Committee on Medical Education has awarded the University of Alberta's Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry full accreditation. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Workology

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Learned soldiers

The education level among Canadian Forces members is on the rise, according to a recent Statistics Canada report. Between 1988 and 2002, post-secondary graduation among personnel grew 48 per cent. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Make work the cool place to be

Some tips on how to beat the summer heat

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada



When the air conditioner blows out at work, the summer heat can be almost unbearable.

Luckily, with the right fashion approach as well as a few office tricks, keeping cool in the workplace can still be possible.

Workplace style expert and marketing director Donna Rosati says beyond the obvious things such as wearing lighter, breathable fabrics like cotton and summery, sun-reflecting colours, men and women can make other, cooler choices at work.

For women, choose open-toed footwear (but not flip-flops) and remember to moisturize your heels so they don't start to look like they're covered in cracking, decades-old paint. And throwing off your shoes completely is a no-no.

"Feet tend to get sweaty in the heat, but resist the temptation to take off the shoes. Instead, if you put some baby powder on, that will absorb the sweat," Rosati said.

When faces start to melt, Rosati says blotting powder can be a lifesaver so keep a

secret stash handy — but for heaven's sake don't apply it in public.

"Head to the bathroom for some private time if you're going to do that," Rosati said.

For guys, wearing a thin undershirt beneath your business shirt can not only keep you cool but help ensure you don't look like you just survived a water fight. An undershirt will pull sweat away from your body, cooling you off while preventing your actual shirt from getting soaked.

Short-sleeved dress shirts

are also acceptable in the workplace, but never with a suit jacket or tie attached.

Inside the actual office, keeping unnecessary lights off helps since light bulbs can give off a large amount of heat, and keeping blinds closed might take away your nice downtown view but at least it will reduce the amount of heat being produced in your office due to sunlight.

Another common heat-beating trick in the workplace is to use a personal fan, which plugs into your computer's USB slot and can be attached to your laptop body or keyboard to give you a small but steady breeze as you type.



You may lose your office's downtown view, but closing the blinds can help you lose some heat, too.

Hop, skip and a jump to flip, soar and a leap

OddJobs

Diane Peters



Ever wonder what those lithe gymnasts romping across the mat in China this week will do when they grow up? You can't vault competitively forever.

But you can flip, soar, leap and balance for pay audiences, at least into your late thirties.

That's what Montrealler Stacy Clark, 38, does. She

started gymnastics at age six and competed at the national level until a back injury made her quit in her mid-teens. "It was hugely disappointing. When you do a sport like that, which takes up so much of your time, it really defines you." She then had a "normal" life and went to Ryerson for media arts and got a job in advertising in Toronto.

She was 26 when she saw an outdoor flying trapeze rig and people doing aerial stunts. "Wow, I really have to try that," she said to herself. So she signed up for a circus class at Harbourfront Centre and took to it immediately. Eventually, she was taking classes four nights a week.

She met professional dancer Robin Szuch and the two worked well together. Realizing no one in Canada was doing circus work as street performers, they created High Strung Aerial Dance in 2000. They had a portable 20-foot-high trapeze made and landed their first gig within a few months.

Weekends were soon filled with outdoor performances in summer and corporate gigs in winter. Clark kept working, but her boss gave her the summer of 2003 off to perform. She quit the following spring when the company was offered, in quick succession, work on a TV show, a trip to Japan and a

job with the Canadian Opera Company.

High Strung's street show combines theatre, comedy, acrobatics and aerial stunts. Clark wears a bun and plays the "straight" character while Szuch wears pigtales and is a total goof.

While maybe not as gruelling as competitive athletics, this is a physical job that Clark knows she can't do forever. She recently moved back to Montreal to take a job with Cirque du Soleil as a talent scout. Her employer, of course, lets her take time off for performances.

"If my body hurts ... then I don't want to do this. (But) right now, it's the greatest job on earth."

The Lowdown

Job title: Aerialist

Salary: "I make as much as I did as an account director at an advertising agency."

Education: While Clark went the recreational training route, there are accredited circus schools across the country

Best Part of the Job: Best Part of the Job: "Keeping fit is a perk, but the best part is that I love it."

Worst Part of the Job: Worst Part of the Job: "We don't have a crew, so we have to do everything ourselves."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



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Taylor Swift announced onstage at a concert in the flood-beleaguered town of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that she's donating \$100,000 US to the local Red Cross. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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Entertainment

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**Inglorious role**

Brad Pitt has joined the cast of Quentin Tarantino's next film *Inglorious Bastards*. The actor is expected to play the head of the Jewish resistance in World War II. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

Comedian Mac dies at 50

Pneumonia claims life of popular Kings of Comedy, Ocean's 11 star

Comedian and actor Bernie Mac, who starred in one of U.S. TV's few black sitcoms and appeared in the Ocean's 11 movies, died in Chicago on Saturday after a bout with pneumonia. He was 50.

Publicist Danica Smith confirmed the death in a statement but gave no further details. "We ask that his family's privacy continues to be respected," she said.

Reactions poured in from Hollywood, which was taken by surprise because two days ago, Smith said he was "responding well to treatment" and remained in "stable condition."

"The world just got a little less funny. He will be dearly missed," said George Clooney, who starred with Mac in the Ocean's trilogy of hit box office films.

Mac was hospitalized in Chicago on August 1, and Smith said then his illness was unrelated to a chronic tissue inflammation called sarcoidosis, which had been in remission since 2005.

The Chicago-born come-



Actor and comedian Bernie Mac died in Chicago over the weekend.

dian, whose given name was Bernard Jeffrey McCullough, was best known for his TV comedy *The Bernie Mac Show*, which ran for five seasons until 2006.

Along with the Ocean's

capers, he appeared in movies such as comedy *Guess Who* and *Mr. 3000*. He recently worked on a new TV show *Starting Under* and an upcoming film *Soul Men*.

"I reflect on my childhood, my young adulthood, the disappointments of life — the problems I brought on myself, the self-pity I went through before I became a man," he told Play-

"Losing him is like losing 12 people because he absolutely filled up any room he was in. I'm gonna miss the Mac Man." Chris Rock

boy magazine in 2003.

Mac achieved national prominence after joining the Kings of Comedy stand-up tour in 1997 with Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley and Cedric the Entertainer. Tapping into an underserved market of middle-class blacks.

In 2001, *The Bernie Mac Show* debuted on Fox, drawing from Mac's personal life. He played a married stand-up comic reluctantly thrust into parenthood when he takes custody of his sister's three children after she enters rehab.

"Losing him is like losing 12 people because he absolutely filled up any room he was in. I'm gonna miss the Mac Man," said comic actor Chris Rock in a story at E! Online. **REUTERS**

Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the weekend beginning Aug. 8, according to studio estimates:

- 1 The Dark Knight** \$26 million US
- 2 Pineapple Express** \$22.4 million
- 3 The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** \$16.1 million
- 4 The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** \$10.8 million
- 5 Step Brothers** \$8.9 million
- 6 Mamma Mia!** 8.1 million
- 7 Journey to the Center of the Earth** \$4.9 million
- 8 Hancock** \$3.3 million
- 9 Swing Vote** \$3.1 million
- 10 WALL-E** \$3 million

REUTERS

Gallagher pens tribute to Lennon

MUSIC Liam Gallagher has written a tribute to John Lennon on the new Oasis album, *Liam Gallagher female-first.co.uk* reports.



The band's frontman has stunned fans and even his brother, bandmate Noel, with the tribute. The song, titled *I'm Outta Time*, features a clip of the late Beatles legend talking in an old interview and is already being tipped for release as a single from new Oasis album *Dig out Your Soul*.

Singer Isaac Hayes dies in Memphis

PEOPLE Oscar-winning soul singer Isaac Hayes died in Memphis yesterday, Reuters reports. He was 65. Hayes' wife confirmed he was found unconscious at his home, and rushed to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The performer reached his commercial peak in 1972 when he won an Academy Award for his No. 1 hit *Theme From Shaft*.

In later years, Hayes reached a new audience by supplying the voice for Chef, the libidinous sage on the cartoon series *South Park*. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Brenneman reflects on therapy sessions

Actress and husband sought counselling

BY PONTUS HAMMARLUND
Metro World News

Fans may always associate actress Amy Brenneman to her role as a judge in the TV series *Judging Amy*, but these days she is practising psychology in *Private Practice* — and she has a lot of experience to draw from.

"Yes, I'm in therapy right now," Brenneman says. "After one year of marriage we went for counselling. That was after having been a couple for three years and married for one. But it wasn't really until then that we became man and wife for real."

The man is director Brad Silberling, and he and Brenneman have been married for 14 years and

"My husband and I are still talking about it. We were just two people who were trying to figure things out."

Amy Brenneman

have two children. Their relationship is solid, but Brenneman remembers the marriage counseling like it was yesterday.

"It was a scary moment," says Brenneman, who plays Dr. Violet Turner in *Private Practice*. "I didn't think that our marriage would end but I remember being scared about actually divulging things ... My husband and I are still talking about it. We were

just two people who were trying to figure things out. There was so much tenderness during the process."

These days, Brenneman is a lot more open and laid back, and is happy to discuss most things, like Botox.

"I tried (Botox) because I'm 43 years old and have wrinkles," she admits. "And I don't like wrinkles. But I had a mad dermatologist that was like a pusher — 'do you want more?' It was bizarre, I couldn't move my face and I'm actually paid for being able to express complex emotions with my face. If I had been a model it would have been a different thing. So it was nothing for me. I dye my hair and wax my legs, that's enough."



Actress Amy Brenneman stars in the series *Private Practice*.



Actor Philip Seymour Hoffman, left, is to make his West End debut as a director by taking charge of *Riflehead*, which chronicles the trials of a rock band reuniting after two decades. The show is set to open next month. **IMDb.COM**

Basements turn cosy

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Colin & Justin

Ah! The humble Canadian basement! A potentially useful and very comfy space... or an over stuffed nightmare that does little more than scream 'past tense.' Our first word of advice is — PURGE! So many family rooms are crammed with a ramshackle selection of furniture (most of which never even gets used) so either give it away or send it to the dumpster.

Problem Solving

Paint ceilings a lighter tone than walls to effectively raise perceived head height. It's also important to keep ceiling lines simple by removing Crown moulding and cornice. De-

fuss further by taking away picture and dado rails to stop your walls looking 'chopped up' and therefore shallower.

Colour

Limit bolder colour to easily changeable accessories and ornamentation. Applying stronger tones won't only darken space, it will also limit design flexibility further down the line.

Lighting

Avoid overhead pendant lamps. A well planned project will still look wonderful with shallow ceiling mounted tracks, side lighting, pot lights or 'wall washers.'

Flooring

We avoid wooden floors in basements unless we're absolutely certain there's no possibility of damp. Carpet is potentially serviceable. However, while it's tempting to select all wool, we recommend choosing a product with a higher man-made content as it's more resilient to moisture and mould. That



When decorating a basement, keep furnishings low slung to distract from vertically challenged rooms. Also, opt for long, lean sofas with a comfy feel to them.

said, our preferred lower level flooring option is tile. Whether slate, ceramic or stone, it provides a durable finish that is less likely to succumb to damp problems than other options.

Furniture

Keep furnishings low slung to distract from vertically challenged rooms. Opt for long, lean sofas with a comfy squishy feel and seek out designs that have shorter legs to 'pull'

the eye down further. Keeping basement level floor space as free as possible will allow for good circulation so consider drawing a sectional modular L shaped sofa against one wall, positioning occasional tables at either end and adding

side 'mood' lighting to create ambience.

Two For One

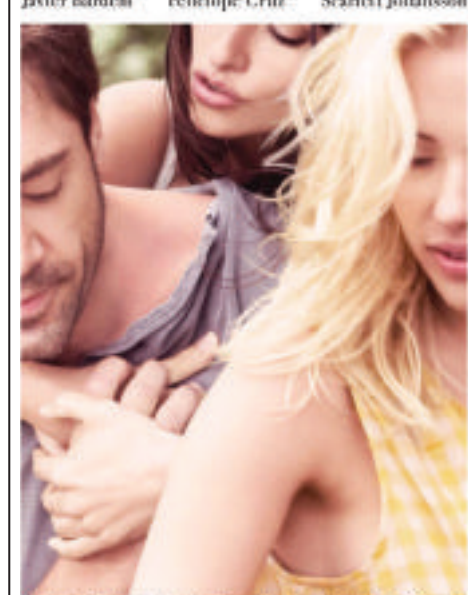
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Think, too, about multi-purpose furniture (tables that act as storage chests, for example or cubes that moonlight as seating) to squeeze

optimum flexibility from your family room. At the end of the day your space should be as multi-function as possible, so remember, for example, to incorporate surfaces where your children can do homework under close supervision while you catch up with your favourite DVD.

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Hoffman makes director debut

Actor Philip Seymour Hoffman, left, is to make his West End debut as a director by taking charge of *Riflehead*, which chronicles the trials of a rock band reuniting after two decades. The show is set to open next month. **IMDb.COM**



Velvet Revolver guitarist Slash.

Velvet needs frontman

MUSIC Velvet Revolver bass player Duff McKagan has denied a report that former Spacehog frontman Royston Langdon is in line to become the band's new singer.

McKagan told Billboard.com that Velvet Revolver did play with Langdon, and that he's "he's f-king awesome," but "at this point I'd have to say no" on him replacing ousted singer Scott Weiland.

"We just have to make sure it's the right guy," he said.

Entertainment Weekly reported this week that Langdon was in the running for the gig after several successful jam sessions. **REUTERS**

In brief

MOVIES The superhero smash Iron Man will be released Sept. 30 on DVD and Blu-ray Disc, distributor Paramount Pictures said Friday. With North American sales of \$316 million, the Robert Downey Jr. movie is the second-biggest movie of the year, behind The Dark Knight.

MUSIC One of Australia's most successful rock exports, the Grammy-winning trio Wolfmother, has been torn apart by "longstanding frictions," according to a statement published on the group's website on Thursday. Bass/keyboard player Chris Ross and drummer Myles Heskett have resigned. **REUTERS**

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Branching out

Michael Kors, right, is flexing his acting muscles. The fashion designer will appear in an episode of Gossip Girl when the show returns with its second season, beginning Sept. 1. **PEOPLE.COM**



Hills' lure too much for many

IntelVision

Rick McGinnis

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THE TV CRITIC VERSION OF STOCKHOLM SYNDROME:

Given a choice of watching my own death, in slow motion, set to a soundtrack of emo bands or an episode of The Hills, I'd choose the former without a moment's hesitation.

Still, the mere existence of MTV's hot hit "reality" show fascinates me to no end — but not enough to actually contemplate watching the thing. My suspicion is that, for TV critics and other people somehow concerned with the viability of the medium, knowing that The Hills is out there is like searching out the highest hilltop to watch the planet-killing asteroid arc across the sky on its way to ending all life on earth; you know it's out there, and

that nothing will ever be the same again, but there's nothing you can do to stop it, so you'd might as well enjoy the brilliant, fiery, jagged scar as it's cutting through the atmosphere.

Time magazine's James Poniewozik has it bad for The Hills, as he confessed in a paean to the show published last week.

"Yes, The Hills is fake," he admits right off the top. "Fake in the sense that producers and participants acknowledge reshooting scenes and doing multiple takes. Fake in the sense that MTV's beautiful 'stars' are famous for little more than being on The Hills. "And fake in that it's proof that a beautiful shot and a well-chosen sound track can imitate emotion in even the most banal scene."

On second thought, though, Poniewozik prefers the word "artifice" to "fake," and his enthusiasm for the show is hardly deterred by words like "shallow" either.

"It all sounds shallow, and, O.K., it is," he practi-



James Poniewozik waxes poetic about The Hills in Time magazine. "It doesn't just look better than life. It looks better than TV," he writes.

cally swoons. "The surfaces are precisely what make The Hills entrancing: it is possibly the best-looking series on television. It doesn't just look better than life. It looks better than TV. Where most reali-

ty shows use garish close-ups to show hot emotions, The Hills uses middle- and long-range shots in wide-screen, giving it a cooler feel and framing the subjects like art photography. It's full of liquid L.A. sun,

in love with the way light plays on surfaces — car bodies, plate glass, glossed lips."

Poniewozik has obviously penetrated much closer to the heart of The Hills' appeal — an appeal that's obviously there, though I've been utterly unable to divine its precise nature, or access any part of myself, past or present, that might have responded to The Hill's very circumscribed but exhaustively chronicled slice of life.

"It's life, if you were young, lucky and beautiful and had your own cinematographer and soundtrack curator," Poniewozik insists.

"If this is fake, maybe reality is overrated." More to the point, it's hard to imagine that other networks aren't eager to learn the lesson being taught by The Hills' success, which is that if this is reality TV, then maybe fake TV is overrated.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



Ryan Seacrest, left, and Dick Clark.

Seacrest joins Clark as co-host

NEW YEAR'S EVE SHOW Ryan Seacrest has been named the permanent co-host of ABC's Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve, three years after the ubiquitous broadcaster stepped into the breach when Clark suffered a stroke.

The annual fixture has been renamed Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest.

Clark, 78, will continue as co-host. Seacrest also hosts American Idol and a morning radio show in Los Angeles.

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critics' corner

The Mole

So who is the Mole? We'll find out tonight, along with learning which remaining contestant takes home the big money for being the most successful at figuring out who's been sabotaging the group's missions. Did you guess the Mole's identity ahead of time? See if your suspicions were right or wrong; if you called it early, maybe you should apply to be on the show next season. Jon Kelley hosts the season finale. 10 PM on 20 ABC 15 CITY



Putting It Together

Go, Carol, go! Best known for her comedic talent, Carol Burnett also has one heck of a strong, clear singing voice. In this special, she and other warblers — including Tony winner George Hearn and "Torchwood" hottie John Barrowman — get together to celebrate the music of Stephen Sondheim. Featured are songs from such musicals as "Sweeney Todd," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and "Company." 8 PM on 40 BVO



Celebrity Buzz

Kate will talk about ex-husband

RELATIONSHIPS

Even though Kate Hudson has indicated she likes to keep her private life private, she admitted she finds it tough to stay tightlipped, msnbc.com reports.

"It's so hard for me — because I'm so open — to hold back," the actress told *W* magazine. "I could really just go on forever about this stuff."

Hudson never publicly acknowledged her recent romance and subsequent breakup with Tour de

France champ Lance Armstrong. In fact, there's only one former flame she's willing to open up about, and that's her ex-husband, Black Crowes front man Chris Robinson.

"We can talk about Chris till the dogs come home," Hudson said. "I married Chris, I had a baby with Chris, Chris will be in my life for the rest of my life. But everything else — I've learned that things are better left private until you're actually planning the wedding."

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Anne pans nips, tucks

PEOPLE Anne Hathaway has taken aim at actors who alter their faces with plastic surgery, insisting film stars need flaws to express emotion, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress once felt so insecure about her looks, she reportedly considered having a nose job.

But the 25-year-old, now the face of beauty giant Lancôme, is happy with her imperfections because they lend her face

character.

"I wanted a nose job, but now, my nose is what lets me change my face a lot and I can be glamorous as Agent 99 (in *Get Smart*), then look rough as a drug addict for (director) Jonathan Demme (in the forthcoming movie *Rachel Getting Married*)," Hathaway said. "Your face needs to have character if you're an actor, otherwise you're just a face," she added.

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celebrity brief

Ex-Idol hopeful welcomes son

BABY NEWS Former American Idol contestant Clay Aiken and music producer Jaymes Foster welcomed a baby boy Friday, the singer said in a statement on his website.

Parker Foster Aiken was born at a North Carolina hospital. In May, it was confirmed that Foster, 50, became pregnant via in vitro fertilization, People.com reports.

Though they are not romantically linked, Foster and Aiken plan to raise the child together.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Clay Aiken is a father, and claims on his website that the baby was delivered at 8:08 a.m. on 08/08/08. That's not the least bit creepy, Clay. No word on how close they came to naming the baby "Beijing Olympics Aiken."

I have to hand it to **Ty Murray**, who just married **Jewel**. Not only does he seem like a regular guy, he's a regular guy who's apparently been able to withstand 10 straight years of Jewel singing round-the-house a capella versions of her 1996 hit *Who Will Say-Ya-Yave Your Soul* without suffering a complete mental collapse, or doing what I would have done, and asking her whether or not that's a rhetorical question.

Anne Hathaway's sentiments about avoiding plastic surgery are admirable, but they show that our Anne hasn't been following the awards shows lately. In 2003, the Oscars handed the statuette to the fake-nose sporting **Nicole Kidman** for playing Virginia Woolf in *The Hours*. The following year, both **Renée Zellweger** and **Charlize Theron** took home statuettes for using dirt, makeup and prosthetics to appear unattractive in movie roles. The lesson is obvious. Do whatever it takes to make yourself as purty as possible in real life, then take a part as an ugly duckling novelist, serial killer, or scrappy farmhand, and it's Oscar time, baby!

You have to admit, **Paris Hilton** is breaking new ground. She's usually in the news for opening something quite different than a nightclub. As for the name, even though I failed out of law school, I'm fairly certain the makers of *Valtrex* won't let her have that name for her club.

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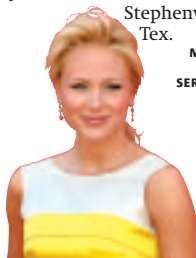
celebrity brief

Jewel says 'I do' to rodeo champ

RELATIONSHIPS Singer-songwriter Jewel and her boyfriend, rodeo champion Ty Murray, eloped to the Bahamas and exchanged vows in a private ceremony Thursday night, People.com reports her rep as having said.

The pair, who never announced an engagement, have been together for 10 years and share a ranch in Stephenville, Tex.

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Paris plans Vegas club

PEOPLE Paris Hilton wants a Las Vegas hotspot to call her own, intouchweekly.com reports.

"I'm in talks right now," the hotel heiress said. "I think I found a really good space."

Hilton should have no trouble getting people to line up.

"The Vegas crowds love her," says a Las Vegas nightlife insider. "It's a mob scene every time she arrives."

And while Hilton is coy about the details, she already has a name.

"But I can't tell anyone," she says. "It's not trademarked yet!"

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Penelope lauds private life

PEOPLE Actress Penelope Cruz's personal life is "the best" it has ever been, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Cruz is dating actor Javier Bardem and is delighted with the way her one-year relationship is going.

"I have to tell you,

my private life is at its best," she said.

However, when pressed on the subject, Cruz refused to elaborate. "If you want to know more about him, then please ask him," she said.

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celebrity brief

Julia may be planning fourth child

RELATIONSHIPS Actress Julia Roberts and her husband Danny Moder are planning a fourth child, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

A year after giving birth to the couple's third child, Henry

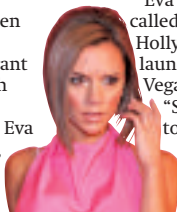


— brother to three-year-old twins Phinnaeus and Hazel — Roberts is keen to expand the family further, with a second daughter.

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Victoria to help launch Eva's new restaurant

PEOPLE Victoria Beckham has been approached to launch a restaurant in Las Vegas with *Desperate Housewives* star Eva Longoria Parker, the *Daily Mail* reports.



"Eva owns a restaurant called *Beso* in Hollywood and is set to launch another in Vegas," says a source.

"She asked Victoria to come on board and help. Victoria was thrilled and talked it through

with her husband David, but he thought she was spreading herself a bit thin."

Victoria will still reportedly get involved in the venture — she'll reportedly oversee the guest list for the launch night.

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J.J. SAID IT WOULD!

J.J. Clarke

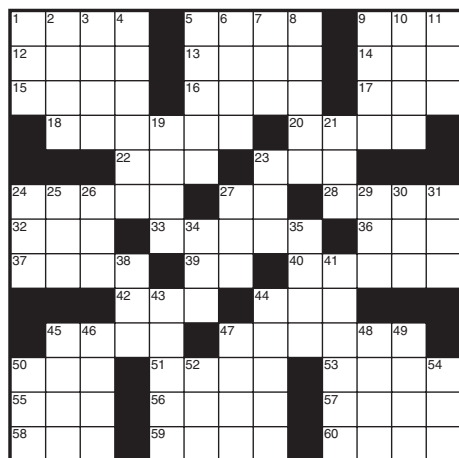
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Blackwell wakes from coma

Hollywood fashion critic Mr. Blackwell has regained consciousness after collapsing at his Los Angeles home last week, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Publicist Harlan Boll has reportedly confirmed the 86-year-old is now conscious after waking from a coma on Thursday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Take Five**Crossword down**

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- 2 Round tent
- 3 Adams or Brickell
- 4 Endorsed
- 5 Baby grand
- 6 Trapped like —
- 7 Super Bowl roar
- 8 Happen next
- 9 Pluck
- 10 Disappointed cry (2 wds.)
- 11 Coal measure
- 19 Dries out, as wood
- 21 Pester
- 23 Bark
- 24 — Magnon man
- 25 Whir
- 26 Call — day
- 27 Taro-root paste
- 29 Racing circuit
- 30 Wildcat strike
- 31 Kind of humor
- 34 Go quickly
- 35 In — (as found)
- 38 Pirate's quaff
- 41 Countless
- 43 Bridges
- 44 Bend down
- 45 Loathsome
- 46 Goodall subject
- 47 Wrist bone
- 48 Make mention of
- 49 Powder, to skiers
- 50 Herd of whales
- 52 Guanabara Bay port
- 54 Observe secretly

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- 14 Frat letter
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- 16 Long sighs
- 17 Traveler's refuge
- 18 Apartment dweller
- 20 Till
- 22 Freud topic
- 23 Pro vote
- 24 Scold
- 27 Informal parent
- 28 Candle's light
- 32 Furrow
- 33 Boutiques
- 36 Gas-station freebie, once
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- 39 Two, Roman-style
- 40 Hint at
- 42 Not waste
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- 45 Boot upper

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- 56 Mexican lad
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- 59 Motel freebie
- 60 Fresh

previous day's answer**This day in history**

AUG. 11, 1804: Francis II assumed title of first Emperor of Austria
 AUG. 11, 1918: World War I - Battle of Amiens ends
 AUG. 11, 1929: Babe Ruth becomes the first baseball player to hit 500 home runs in his career with a home run at League Park in Cleveland, Ohio.
 AUG. 11, 1934: Federal prison opened at Alcatraz Island.
 AUG. 11, 1952: Hussein proclaimed king of Jordan.
 AUG. 11, 1972: Vietnam War: The last United States ground combat unit depart South Vietnam.
 AUG. 11, 1999: The exceptional Salt Lake City Tornado tears through the downtown district of the city, killing one.

WORDY GURDY**HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:**

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:**previous day's answer**

9	4	6	3	1	5	2	7	8
7	8	5	6	4	2	1	3	9
1	3	2	7	8	9	5	6	4
2	6	3	1	7	8	9	4	5
5	7	8	9	6	4	3	2	1
4	9	1	5	2	3	6	8	7
6	1	4	2	5	7	8	9	3
3	5	7	8	9	6	4	1	2
8	2	9	4	3	1	7	5	6

Under 13: Genius
 13-17: Scholar

Horoscopes**AVATAR VENUS****ARIES**

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Wait until tomorrow to make a significant decision. A meeting will please you and your friend. Don't dawdle on the way home.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

There'll be a delay in getting results. Come up with a better plan while in transit. Regret is brought about by a friend's social blunder.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Don't be too embarrassed when you're conspicuous. Stay focused on what needs to be done. Negotiate over a serious concern.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

This could be a roller-coaster type of a day. Your convictions can determine events. Intervention will be necessary in legal matters.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

A stubborn person decides that it's time to quibble. Your personal resources will increase. You may be accused of being prim.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

A couple will decide to tie the knot. Your suggestion is being considered by the boss. A trusted person has a trick up his sleeve.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

You'll learn to tune into a loved one. Today's debate will intrude on your quiet time. Avoid obsessing over trivial mistakes.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Nostalgia for a lost love leads to deep thoughts. A woman is gone with the wind. Don't challenge a cynical person.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

A phone call brings very strange news. Be fearless in approaching the unknown. A unique romantic chance will arise.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

You can find the obvious solution to a problem. Watch when others behave differently. Do something good for a proud person.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Remember to rest up after a hard job. Your body knows best. You'll fling your disbelief out the window before noon.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

A wiggling idealist fails to win attention. A tolerant woman can see through other people. Comments are made about never finding love.

Sudoku

7	4			9		1		8
		6						3
8				3		9		
	2	9		1				
3			8					9
		6		7	5			
	3		2					7
2					3			
1	7		6			5	4	

17-21: Smart
 21-25: Not bad
 25+ Keep practising
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Ottawa weather**Afternoon**

Thunderstorms.
19°

Tonight

Variable.
15°

Tuesday

Variable.
22° / 14°

Wednesday

Partly cloudy.
22° / 11°

Thursday

Partly cloudy.
23° / 13°

**Temperature**

Normals

High: 25.3°

Low: 14.2°

Records

High: 37.8°/1944

Low: 6.1°/1968

Sunrise: 5:59 a.m.

Sunset: 8:15 p.m.

Moonset: 12:26 a.m.

Moonrise: 5:16 p.m.

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